



NAVY BAND NORTHWEST

BIG BAND

“Cascade”

As the U. S. Navy’s premier jazz ensemble in the Pacific Northwest, Cascade offers the finest in America’s true classical music, JAZZ!

Under the musical direction of Musician First Class Vincent (Vinney) Burrell, Cascade combines the best of jazz and popular music from legends like Count Basie and Stan Kenton to Pat Metheny and Earth Wind & Fire.

A specialty unit of Navy Band Northwest, the group features 18 highly talented and versatile musicians who entertain a variety of audiences of over 900,000 annually.

Cascade presents concerts and educational clinics at high schools and colleges throughout the Pacific Northwest, and regularly perform for local jazz festivals and the Keyport concert series. In April of 2004, the group was featured as the main event for the Columbia Basin College Jazz Festival in Pasco, WA.

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LEADER, “*CASCADE*” BIG BAND

Musician First Class Vincent B. Burrell, U.S. Navy

A native of Pasadena, California, Musician First Class Vincent B. Burrell attended Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, earning a Bachelors degree in Business with a minor in Music Performance before enlisting in the Navy in 1988.

Petty Officer Burrell completed Boot Camp in Great Lakes, Illinois before transferring to the Navy School of Music in Norfolk, Virginia for “A” School training. Upon graduation, he was promoted to the rank of Musician Third Class and transferred to Navy Band Memphis as a Bass Guitar/Tuba instrumentalist. In 1991, he transferred to Navy Band San Diego assuming duties as Unit Leader of the Protocol Combo as well as Supply Assistant. He also worked as a studio session bassist in San Diego and Los Angeles California. During this tour he was selected as Navy Band San Diego Sailor of the Quarter and was promoted to the rank of Musician Second Class. In 1994, MU2 Burrell returned to the Navy School of Music for advanced training.

After graduating from the Section Leader/Unit Leader Course, Petty Officer Burrell transferred to Naples, Italy where he performed with the Navy’s SIXTH Fleet Band. He then served as Unit Leader of the Rock Band and Brass Quintet. As a Unit Leader and Leading Petty Officer, he traveled independent of his command 65 percent of the year performing in the following countries: France, Spain, England, Ireland, Scotland, Sweden, Austria, Portugal, Israel, Russia, Turkey, Norway, Greece, Germany, Belgium, Romania, Bulgaria, Ukraine and throughout Italy. He also worked as a studio session bassist and toured with European renowned pianist Fausto Ferraiuolo and guitarist Gianluca Carbone.

After a successful tour in Italy, Petty Officer Burrell returned to Memphis Tennessee in 1997 and performed with Navy Band Mid-South, where he selected as Drum Major and Unit Leader of the Top 40/variety group “Atlantis.” In 1998, Petty Officer Burrell auditioned and was selected to perform with the United States Naval Academy Band in Annapolis, Maryland – one of the Navy’s two Premier Bands – where he served as Bassist and Musical Director for the Navy’s premier Rock Band “Electric Brigade.” He also served as Leading Petty Officer, Ceremonial Band Conductor, Drum Major and Supply/Fiscal Petty Officer.

Petty Officer Burrell returned to the Navy School of Music for advanced studies and completed the Enlisted Band Leader Course in 2002. After graduation, he transferred to Navy Band Northwest and currently serves as Unit Leader of the Big Band, “Cascade.” He also serves as Drum Major, Protocol Combo, Audition Supervisor and Regional Musician Recruiter. He was selected as Navy Band Northwest’s Senior Sailor of the Year for 2004.

His military decorations include the Navy Achievement Medal (three awards), the Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal (four awards), the National Defense Service Medal (two awards), the Overseas Service Ribbon (four awards), and the Navy Expert Pistol Medal.

Petty Officer Burrell is married to the former Marcy A. Brumfield of Covington, LA. They have two sons: La’ Vinte and Mykellian.

